

environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1980) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statements. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: August 8, 1996.

Robert L. Storch,
Forest Supervisor.

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Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on September 26, 1996 in the Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office, Wenatchee Conference Room, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue

until 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered will include agency updates, Northwest Forest Plan implementation, and management of streamside riparian areas under the Northwest Forest Plan. All Eastern Washington Cascades Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. 98807, 509-662-4335.

Dated: September 4, 1996.

Paul Hart,

Designated Federal Official, Wenatchee National Forest.

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Boundary Extension, Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of boundary extension.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture has extended the boundary of the Ouachita National Forest to include 425.54 acres, more or less, in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, which were recently acquired through exchange. A copy of the Secretary's establishment document which includes the legal description of the lands within the extension appears at the end of this notice.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary extension was August 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the map showing the boundary extension is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of Lands, Auditor's Building, 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. Kenneth Myers, Lands Staff, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090, telephone: (202) 205-1248.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority under Section 20(d), Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Act of October 18, 1988 (16 U.S.C. 460), the Secretary of Agriculture has extended the boundary of the Ouachita National Forest. The Act provided authority to the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire by purchase, exchange, donation, or otherwise, any right, title, and interest in lands in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, which are outside the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest. This Act also provided that the Secretary would

extend the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest to include such lands.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

Larry O. Gadt,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief.

Ouachita National Forest boundary Extension

Pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's authority under Section 20(d), P.L. 100-499 (102 Stat. 2491) the Ouachita National Forest boundary is hereby extended to include the following lands.

Le Flore County, Oklahoma, Indian Meridian

T.4 N., R. 27 E.

Section 5: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 7: The East Twenty Acres and the Southwest Eight and $\frac{49}{100}$ acres of Lot One, Lot Two, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$

The areas described an aggregate 425.54 acres more or less.

As provided by P.L. 100-499, the lands described shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the Act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961) and in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations generally applicable to units of the National Forest System.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

Brian Eliot Burke,

Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

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Addition of Lands to the White Mountain Purchase Unit

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Addition of Lands to White Mountain Purchase Unit.

SUMMARY: On March 17, 1996, the Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment added lands to the White Mountain Purchase Unit. These additional lands comprise 455.3 acres, more or less, within Coos County, New Hampshire. A copy of the establishment document which includes the legal description of the lands within the addition appears at the end of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of this addition was March 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the map showing the addition is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of Lands, Forest Service, Auditor's Building, 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

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